

# **Prescription Drug Disposal**

The best way to dispose of unused or expired prescription drugs is to take them to a pharmaceutical collection site.

Items that are accepted: pills, capsules and tablets. NO liquids, creams aerosols, or sharps are accepted.

## **Drop off sites:**

- Kewaunee County Safety Building—620 Juneau Street, Kewaunee (open 24 hours a day/7 days a week)
- Luxemburg Municipal Building—206 Maple Street, Luxemburg (8:00 am-4:00 pm Monday through Friday)
- \*\*All medications must be removed from their bottles and placed in a zip lock bag for disposal\*\*



There's danger lurking in your medicine cabinet. Every year,

more people begin abusing prescription drugs than any other drug.

If prescribed these medications are Legal, but if misused can be Lethal!!

Tips for preventing prescription drug abuse:

- Safeguard all drugs.
   Monitor quantities. Do not leave meds on countertops or other highly visible areas.
- Set clear rules about following dosages and <u>not</u> sharing medications.
- 3. Be a good role model by following these rules with your own medicines.
- Properly conceal and dispose of old or unused medicines.
- Assist elderly relatives in safeguarding their medications.

# Sharps Collection Program and Prescription Drug Disposal

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# Sharps Program and Disposal of Prescription Drugs

## What is Sharps?

Sharps are any type of needle, syringe or lancet that have been used or contaminated.

All contaminated sharp products need to be disposed of in a safe environment. Appropriate disposal reduces pollution to the environment, prevents injury and prevents transmission of diseases from needle sticks.

Wisconsin State Law requires that sharps be disposed of properly.

## **Drop off site:**

Kewaunee County residents may drop off their used sharps containers at the Kewaunee County Public Health Department located at 810 Lincoln Street between the hours of 8:00 am-4:30 pm Monday through Friday. If you have any questions please call 920-388-7160.

#### **Instructions**



#### Safe disposal:

- Place sharps in an approved puncture proof container (such as a red sharps container or an old laundry detergent bottle).
- Please only fill your container about 2/3 full to avoid sharps from coming into contact with anyone.
- Label the bottle or container with a "biohazard" or "sharps" label (available at the health department, if necessary).
   Lock the lid.
- Wipe the outside of the container down with a household cleaner.
- Place the container in a plastic bag and deliver to an approved location.

#### Please note

In order to cover the cost of disposal, there will be a \$5.00 fee\* for the disposal of sharps containers. New sharps containers can be purchased for \$3.00.

\*Kewaunee County will not profit from this program.

## **Safety Tips:**

- 1. Do not dispose of sharps in household garbage.
- 2. Do not try to remove the needle from the syringe.
- Keeps sharps and sharps containers out of reach of children.
- 4. Do not use milk jugs, soda bottles or coffee cans as a sharps container (they are too thin and risk injury to others).